

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

MARIA LILIA RUIZ,

Plaintiff

v.

**RUTH A. DOROCHOFF, Chicago District
Director of the Citizenship and Immigration
Services; MICHAEL CHERTOFF, Secretary
of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security;
and ROBERT S. MUELLER, III, Director
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation,**

Defendants.

CASE NO.

**FILED: MARCH 26, 2008
08CV1744 NF
JUDGE NORGLE
MAGISTRATE JUDGE MASON**

**COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF AND
FOR A WRIT IN THE NATURE OF MANDAMUS**

Plaintiff MARIA LILIA RUIZ, by and through her undersigned attorney, for her Complaint for Mandamus against Defendants, RUTH A. DOROCHOFF, District Director of the Chicago Office for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; MICHAEL CHERTOFF, Secretary of Homeland Security; and ROBERT S. MUELLER, III, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, alleges as follows:

Nature of the Case and Parties

1. This is a civil action to compel the Chicago District Director of the Office for Citizenship and Immigration Services to adjudicate an N-400 Application for Naturalization that has been pending since July 30, 1999 ("Application"). See **Exhibit A-1**.

2. Plaintiff MARIA LILIA RUIZ (“Ms. Ruiz”) is a seventy-six-year-old lawful permanent resident born in Colombia on October 8, 1931. Ms. Ruiz has been a lawful permanent resident of the United States since October 23, 1991. *See Exhibit A-2*. Her alien registration number is A 71 848 036. Ms. Ruiz currently resides at 8 E. Monterey Avenue in Schaumburg, Illinois.

3. Defendants are the District Director of the Chicago Office for Citizenship and Immigration Services (the “Service”), the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”), and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”). They are sued in their official capacity.

Jurisdiction and Venue

4. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1447(b), 28 U.S.C. § 1331, 28 U.S.C. § 1361, 8 U.S.C. §§ 1443-1448, and 5 U.S.C. §§ 701-706.

5. This Court has jurisdiction to grant declaratory relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2201, 28 U.S.C. § 2202, and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 57 and 65.

6. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(e) because the events and omissions giving rise to this matter occurred in this District and because Ms. Ruiz resides in this District.

Statement of the Case

7. Ms. Ruiz became a lawful permanent resident of the United States on October 23, 1991.

8. On July 30, 1999, Ms. Ruiz filed a Form N-400 Application for Naturalization with

the Service. *See* **Exhibit A-1**.

9. Ms. Ruiz had her initial interview for the Application on August 30, 2001, and the case was continued because Ms. Ruiz did not pass her English and civics exams after her request for the disability exception was denied. *See* **Exhibit A-3**. On November 1, 2001, Ms. Ruiz had a second interview at which her disability exception was accepted and the case was continued. *See* **Exhibit A-4**. At a follow-up interview for her application on January 3, 2002, Ms. Ruiz' application was recommended for approval. *See* **Exhibit A-5**. The interviewing officer, Officer McElligott, indicated in the N-652 Naturalization Interview Results that USCIS would notify Ms. Ruiz of the oath ceremony upon final approval.

10. Since August 2002, Ms. Ruiz has repeatedly filed inquiries to determine the status of her application and to request that the Service schedule her for a naturalization oath ceremony. *See* **Exhibits B-1 – C-2**. After waiting seven months from the date of the interview in January 2002, Ms. Ruiz filed her first inquiry through the Office of the Honorable Luis V. Gutierrez, U.S. Representative of Illinois in August 2002. *See* **Exhibit B-1**. The Service responded in September 2002, indicating, "Service records reflect that [Ms. Ruiz'] file is located in another section of the Chicago District." *See* **Exhibit B-2**. Further, the Service stated that its "database indicates the case has not been update [sic] to reflect the interview on January 3, 2003 [sic]." The Service indicated that the results of a review would be forwarded to the Congressman's office.

11. After waiting an additional year for the results of the Service's review, Ms. Ruiz again contacted Congressman Gutierrez' office in October 2003. *See* **Exhibit B-3**. The Service responded in November 2003, indicating that it could not process the Application because of "enhanced security procedures." *See* **Exhibit B-4**.

12. After waiting another six months from the Service's correspondence in November 2003, Ms. Ruiz again requested the assistance of Congressman Gutierrez' office in May 2004. *See Exhibit B-5*. The Service responded in June 2004, indicating that Ms. Ruiz' fingerprints had expired and that she would be scheduled for fingerprinting on July 10, 2004. The Service further noted, "Once her prints clear, the Service can take further action on her N-400 case." Ms. Ruiz attended the appointment and had her fingerprints taken on July 10, 2004.

13. Nearly one year later Congressman Gutierrez' office filed a fourth inquiry with the Service on behalf of Ms. Ruiz in March 2005. *See Exhibit B-6*. The Service failed to respond.

14. In April 2007, Ms. Ruiz retained the undersigned counsel to request that the Service schedule her oath of naturalization. In May 2007, Ms. Ruiz' attorneys filed their first inquiry with the Chicago District Office for the Service. *See Exhibit C-1*. The Service never issued a response to the inquiry. Ms. Ruiz' attorneys filed a second inquiry four months later in September 2007. *See Exhibit C-2*. Again, the Service failed to issue a response to the inquiry.

15. From the time her application was recommended for approval in January 2002, a total of at least six inquiries from Congressman Gutierrez' office and Ms. Ruiz' attorneys have been filed regarding the status of the Application. As the above shows, Ms. Ruiz has maintained regular contact with Defendants to reach a decision on her Application, which has been pending since July 1999. To Ms. Ruiz' knowledge, she is not responsible for the delay in the adjudication of her application, and the Service has not indicated that she is responsible for the Service's failure to make a decision and schedule her oath of naturalization.

16. On information and belief, the normal period prescribed by Defendants for adjudicating an application for naturalization is eight months. *See Exhibit D*. To date, 104 months (eight years, eight months) have passed since Ms. Ruiz filed her Application for

Naturalization on July 30, 1999, and 74 months (six years, two months) have passed since she passed the interview and was recommended for approval on January 3, 2002. As of the date of this filing, the Service has not adjudicated Ms. Ruiz' application, informed her of a decision on the Application, or scheduled her oath ceremony for naturalization. The severe delay in Ms. Ruiz' application has caused her great stress, and a decision is increasingly important given her age and health condition. Ms. Ruiz was recently diagnosed with an ulcer and a significant mass in her abdomen. Ms. Ruiz is currently undergoing additional tests for further diagnosis.

Claim for Relief

17. Defendants have violated and continue to violate 8 U.S.C. § 1447(b), 8 U.S.C. § 1448(d), and 8 CFR § 335.3, and 8 CFR § 337.2. Defendants have failed to make a determination on the Application at the time of the interview and examination for naturalization or within 120 days after the interview and examination were conducted, as required by 8 U.S.C. § 1447 and 8 CFR § 335.3. Defendants have failed to notify Plaintiff that the Application has been granted or denied and, if granted, of the procedures to be followed for the administration of the oath of allegiance that is required for admission to citizenship, as required by 8 CFR § 335.3. Defendants have failed to conduct ceremonies to administer the oath of naturalization at regular intervals as frequently as necessary to ensure timely naturalization, but in all events at least once monthly where it is required to minimize unreasonable delays as required by 8 U.S.C § 1448(d) and 8 CFR § 337.2(a).

18. Defendants have violated the Administrative Procedures Act, 5 U.S.C. § 701 *et seq.*, (a) in that they have unlawfully withheld or unreasonably delayed agency action to which

Plaintiff is entitled and (b) in that they have taken action that is arbitrary and capricious, an abuse of discretion and not in accordance with the law. Defendants have failed to make a determination on the Application at the time of the interview and examination for naturalization or within 120 days after the interview and examination, as required by 8 U.S.C. § 1447 and 8 CFR § 335.3. Defendants have failed to notify Plaintiff that the Application has been granted or denied and, if granted, of the procedures to be followed for the administration of the oath of allegiance that is required for admission to citizenship, as required by 8 CFR § 335.3. Defendants have failed to conduct ceremonies to administer the oath of naturalization at regular intervals as frequently as necessary to ensure timely naturalization, but in all events at least once monthly where it is required to minimize unreasonable delays as required by 8 U.S.C § 1448(d) and 8 CFR § 337.2(a).

19. Defendants willfully and unreasonably have delayed in, and have refused to adjudicate Plaintiffs' Applications, thereby, depriving Plaintiff of rights under 5 U.S.C. § 555(b) to the adjudication of her Application in a reasonable time.

20. Plaintiff has exhausted any administrative remedies that may exist, and has not caused or contributed to the Service's delay in adjudicating the Application.

Prayer for Relief

WHEREFORE Plaintiff prays that this Court:

- A. Accept jurisdiction and maintain continuing jurisdiction of this Action.
- B. Declare as unlawful the violation by Defendants and their agents of 8 U.S.C. §§ 1447(b) and 1448(d) and 8 CFR §§ 335.3 and 337.2(a) in failing to make a determination on Plaintiff's

naturalization application at the time of the interview and examination or within 120 days after the interview and examination were conducted; failing to notify Plaintiff that the Application has been granted or denied and, if granted, of the procedures to be followed for the administration of the oath of allegiance that is required for admission to citizenship; and failing to conduct ceremonies to administer the oath of naturalization at regular intervals as frequently as necessary to ensure timely naturalization, but in all events at least once monthly where it is required to minimize unreasonable delays.

C. Declare as agency action unlawfully withheld and unreasonably delayed, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 706(1), the violation by the Defendants and their agents, of 5 U.S.C. § 706(1), 8 U.S.C. §§ 1447(b) and 1448(d) and 8 CFR §§ 335.3 and 337.2(a) in failing to make a determination on Plaintiff's naturalization application at the time of the interview and examination or within 120 days after the interview and examination were conducted; failing to notify Plaintiff that the Application has been granted or denied and, if granted, of the procedures to be followed for the administration of the oath of allegiance that is required for admission to citizenship; and failing to conduct ceremonies to administer the oath of naturalization at regular intervals as frequently as necessary to ensure timely naturalization, but in all events at least once monthly where it is required to minimize unreasonable delays.

D. Declare as agency action that is arbitrary and capricious, an abuse of discretion, and not in accordance with law, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 706(1), the violation by the Defendants and their agents, of 5 U.S.C. § 706(1), 8 U.S.C. §§ 1447(b) and 1448(d) and 8 CFR §§ 335.3 and 337.2(a) in failing to make a determination on Plaintiff's naturalization application at the time of the interview and examination or within 120 days after the interview and examination were conducted; failing to notify Plaintiff that the Application has been granted or denied and, if

granted, of the procedures to be followed for the administration of the oath of allegiance that is required for admission to citizenship; and failing to conduct ceremonies to administer the oath of naturalization at regular intervals as frequently as necessary to ensure timely naturalization, but in all events at least once monthly where it is required to minimize unreasonable delays.

E. Issue a writ in the nature of mandamus, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1361 and 5 U.S.C. § 706(1), compelling Defendants and their agents to make a determination of Plaintiff's naturalization application within thirty (30) days, to notify Plaintiff that the Application has been granted or denied, and if granted, of the procedures to be followed for the administration of the oath of allegiance, and to conduct ceremonies to administer the oath of naturalization within twenty (20) days of notifying Plaintiff the Application has been granted.

F. Grant such other and further relief as this Court deems proper under the circumstances.

Dated: March 26, 2008

/s/ Robert C. Milla
Robert C. Milla

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332 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1428
Chicago, IL 60604
(312) 341-9730
Attorneys for Plaintiff

MARIA LILIA RUIZ

EXHIBITS:

- Exhibits A-1 – A-5** Copy of Form I-797C Notice of Action for Fingerprint Notification for N-400 Application for Naturalization, reflecting that the Service received the Application on July 30, 1999. Copy of Ms. Ruiz' Permanent Resident Card. Copy of Form N-652 Naturalization Interview Results for Ms. Ruiz' interviews conducted on August 30, 2001; November 1, 2001; and January 3, 2002.
- Exhibits B-1 – B-6** Copies of correspondence and inquiries between the Office of Congressman Gutierrez and Defendants regarding Ms. Ruiz' application.
- Exhibits C-1 – C-2** Copies of inquiries filed by Ms. Ruiz' attorneys in May and September of 2007, regarding Ms. Ruiz' application.
- Exhibit D** Copy of most recent posting of Chicago Processing Dates from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, dated February 15, 2008, indicating that the processing time for Form N-400 Applications for Naturalization is eight months.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Fingerprint Notification			NOTICE DATE June 23, 2004
CASE TYPE N400 Application For Naturalization			INS A# A 071 848 036
APPLICATION NUMBER LIN*000191581	RECEIVED DATE July 30, 1999	PRIORITY DATE July 30, 1999	PAGE 1 of 1
APPLICANT NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS MARIA LILIA RUIZ 8 EAST MONTEREY SCHAUMBURG IL 60193-4272		08CV1744 NF JUDGE NORGLE MAGISTRATE JUDGE MASON	
<p> </p> <p>Your fingerprint card (FD-258) on file with the Immigration & Naturalization Service (INS) has expired. In order for the INS to continue processing your application, it will be necessary to have your fingerprints re-taken. This will be completed at no additional expense to you. PLEASE APPEAR AT THE BELOW APPLICATION SUPPORT CENTER AT THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED. If you are unable to do so, complete the bottom of this notice and return the entire original notice to the address below.</p>			
APPLICATION SUPPORT CENTER INS HARLEM 4701 N.CUMBERLAND AVE. SUITE B-D NORRIDGE IL 60706		DATE AND TIME OF APPOINTMENT 07/10/2004 08:00 AM	
<p>WHEN YOU GO TO THE APPLICATION SUPPORT CENTER TO HAVE YOUR FINGERPRINTS TAKEN, YOU MUST BRING:</p> <p>1. THIS APPOINTMENT NOTICE and</p> <p>2. PHOTO IDENTIFICATION. Naturalization applicants must bring their Alien Registration Card. All other applicants must bring a passport, driver's license, national ID, military ID, or State-issued photo ID. If you appear without proper identification, you will not be fingerprinted.</p>			
<p>PLEASE DISREGARD THIS NOTICE IF YOUR APPLICATION HAS ALREADY BEEN GRANTED.</p>			
<p style="text-align: center;">REQUEST FOR RESCHEDULING</p> <p>Please reschedule my appointment for the next available: <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday afternoon <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday afternoon</p> <p>INS cannot guarantee the day preferred, but will do so to the extent possible.</p> <p>Upon receipt of your request, you will be provided a new appointment notice. Please mail your request to:</p> <p>INS HARLEM 4701 N.CUMBERLAND AVE. SUITE B-D NORRIDGE IL 60706</p> <p>If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call 1-800-375-5283.</p> <p>APPLICATION NUMBER LIN*000191581</p> <p>APPLICANT COPY </p>			
<p style="text-align: center;">WARNING!</p> <p>Due to limited seating availability in our lobby areas, only persons who are necessary to assist with trans. the fingerprint worksheet should accompany you.</p>			

EXHIBIT

A-1

U.S. Department of Justice
Immigration & Naturalization Service

Naturalization Interview Results

A#: 071 848 036

On 8-30-01, you were interviewed by INS Officer Z. ABID

- ☐ You passed the tests of English and U.S. history and government.
- ☐ You passed the test of U.S. history and government and the English language requirement was waived.
- ☐ The Service has accepted your request for a Disability Exception. You are exempted from the requirement to demonstrate English language ability and or a knowledge of U.S. history and government.
- ☒ You will be given another opportunity to be tested on your ability to write English.
- ☒ You will be given another opportunity to be tested on your knowledge of U.S. history and government.
- ☐ Please follow the instructions on the Form N-14.
- ☐ INS will send you a written decision about your application.
- ☐ You did not pass the second and final test of your English ability / knowledge of U.S. history and government. You will not be rescheduled for another interview for this N-400. INS will send you a written decision about your application.

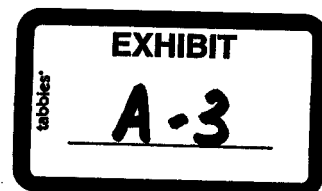
A) **Congratulations! Your application has been recommended for approval.** At this time, it appears that you have established your eligibility for naturalization. If final approval is granted, you will be notified when and where to report for your Oath Ceremony.

B) **A decision cannot yet be made about your application.**

It is very important that you :

- ✓ Notify INS if you change your address.
- ✓ Come to any scheduled interview.
- ✓ Submit all requested documents.
- ✓ Send any questions about this application in writing to the officer named above. Include your full name, A-number, and a copy of this paper.
- ✓ Go to any oath ceremony that you are scheduled to attend.
- ✓ Notify INS as soon as possible in writing if you cannot come to any scheduled interview or oath ceremony. Include a copy of this paper and a copy of the scheduling notice.

Form N-652 (12/7/99)Y



A= 71848033On 11-1-01, you were interviewed by INS Officer Tom. Hampson

- ☐ You passed the tests of English and U.S. history and government.
- ☐ You passed the test of U.S. history and government and the English language requirement was waived.
- ☒ The Service has accepted your request for a Disability Exception. You are exempted from the requirement to demonstrate English language ability and/or a knowledge of U.S. history and government.
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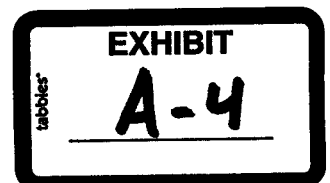
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Form N-652 (12/7/99)Y



Naturalization Interview Results

U.S. Department of Justice
Immigration & Naturalization ServiceA#: A 71 848 036On 1/3/02, you were interviewed by INS Officer McElligott

- ☐ You passed the tests of English and U.S. history and government.
- ☐ You passed the test of U.S. history and government and the English language requirement was waived.
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August 27, 2002

Ms. Maria Ruiz
8 E. Monterrey
Schaumburg, IL 60193

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JUDGE NORGLÉ
MAGISTRATE JUDGE MASON

Dear Ms. Ruiz:

I have received your authorization case sheet detailing your concerns regarding the status of your naturalization petition.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of my letter of inquiry to Brian Perryman, Director of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in Chicago. When I receive a response from the INS, you will be notified promptly. If you do not receive a notification within three months, please contact me.

Please be assured that I will continue to assist you in this important matter and keep you informed of the status of your application.

Please do not hesitate to call on me whenever you believe I can be of service.

Sincerely,


Luis V. Gutierrez
Member of Congress

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Enclosure



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U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service
10 West Jackson Boulevard
Suite 600
Chicago, IL 60604

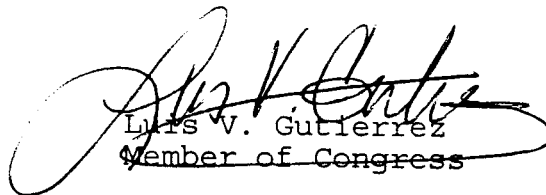
Dear Mr. Perryman:

I am contacting you on behalf of my constituent, Ms. Maria Ruiz, A# 071-848-036. Enclosed for your review is a completed authorization case sheet detailing Ms. Ruiz's concerns regarding the status of her naturalization petition.

As you will note, Ms. Ruiz had her preliminary examination and interview during January 3, 2002. Ms. Ruiz complied with this information request and submitted copies of her documentation to the INS on the date that she submitted her N-400 application. However, as of this date, she has not been scheduled for her oath ceremony. Therefore, I would be grateful if you would review this matter and please inform me when Ms. Ruiz will be scheduled for her naturalization ceremony.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. I look forward to receiving your response at my Chicago office, located at 3181 N. Elston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60618.

Sincerely,


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September 25, 2002

Ms. Maria Ruiz
8 E. Monterrey
Schaumburg, IL 60193

Dear Ms. Ruiz:

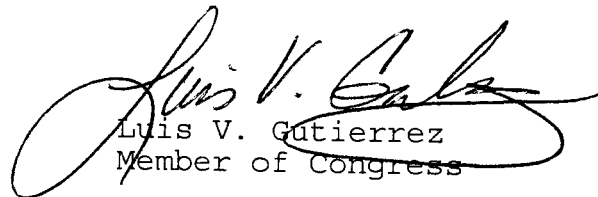
I am writing to inform you that I have received a response regarding your naturalization petition from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

As you will note from the enclosed response, the INS states their Service Records indicate that your file is located in another section of the Chicago District. The database indicates the case has not been update to reflect the interview on January 03, 2002. The file has been requested and when received the case will be reviewed by the Congressional Unit. The results of that review will be forwarded to your office.

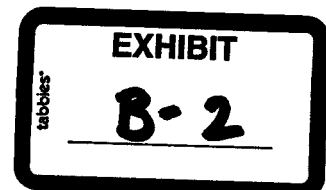
You should receive official notification from the INS within 60 days. If you do not receive this notification, please contact my office.

I am very pleased that I was able to assist you in this important matter. As always, please feel free to call on me whenever you believe I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,


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U.S. Department of Justice
Immigration & Naturalization Service

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10 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604

SEP 23 2002

The Honorable Luis V. Gutierrez
U.S. Representative
North Elston Office
3181 N. Elston Ave.
Chicago, IL 60618

Attn: Rosa Roman

Dear Congressman Gutierrez:

Reference is made to your inquiry received September 4, 2002, regarding the case of Maria Ruiz, Service file number A71 848 036. Specifically, you are requesting that the Service advise you as to the status of the N-400.

We have reviewed the Service records as they pertain to this case. Service records reflect that your constituent's "A" file is located in another section of the Chicago District. The database indicates the case has not been update to reflect the interview on January 03, 2003. The file has been requested and when received the case will be reviewed by the Congressional Unit. The results of that review will be forwarded to your office.

Thank you for the opportunity to assist your office in this matter.

Sincerely,

Brian R. Perryman
District Director

BRP:sjt

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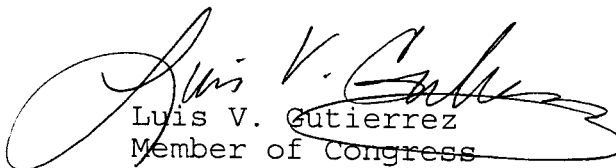
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October 29, 2003

Mr. Donald J. Monica
Bureau of Citizenship/Immigration Services
10 West Jackson Boulevard
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Chicago, IL 60604

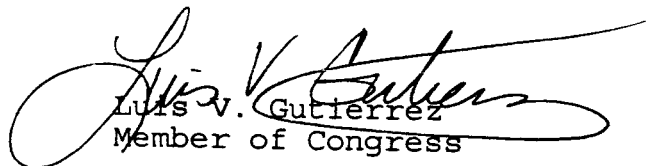
Dear Mr. Monica:

I am contacting you on behalf of my constituent, Ms. Maria Ruiz, A#71848036. Enclosed for your review is a completed authorization case sheet detailing Ms. Ruiz's concerns regarding the status of her naturalization petition.

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. I look forward to receiving your response at my Chicago office, located at 3455 W. North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60647.

Sincerely,


Luis V. Gutierrez
Member of Congress

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services
CHI 70/48.2-C

*10 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604*

November 21, 2003

The Honorable Luis V. Gutierrez
United States Representative
3455 W. North Avenue
Chicago, IL 60647

Attention: Rosa Roman

Re: A071 848 036 - Ruiz, Maria

Dear Congressman Gutierrez,

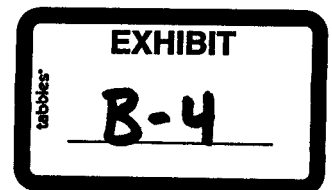
Due to circumstances involving enhanced security procedures, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) is required to comply with certain security measures. We are unable to completely process your application at this time. We regret any inconvenience this may cause. Once the security procedures are complete, processing of your application will continue. Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald J. Monica".

Donald J. Monica
Interim District Director
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services

DJM:drw
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Thank you for contacting BCIS Customer Service



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May 19, 2004

Ms. Maria Ruiz
8 E. Monterrey
Schaumburg, IL 60193-4731

Dear Ms. Ruiz:

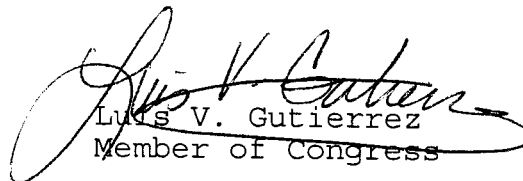
I have received your authorization case sheet detailing your concerns regarding the status of your naturalization petition.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of my letter of inquiry to Michael M. Comfort, District Director of the US. Citizenship and Immigration Services(CIS) in Chicago. When I receive a response from the CIS, you will be promptly notified. If you do not receive a notification within two months, please contact me.

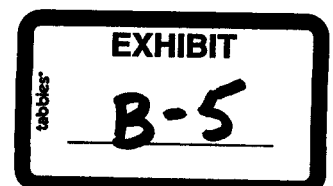
Please be assured that I will continue to assist you in this important matter and keep you informed of the status of your application.

Please do not hesitate to call on me whenever you believe I can be of service.

Sincerely,


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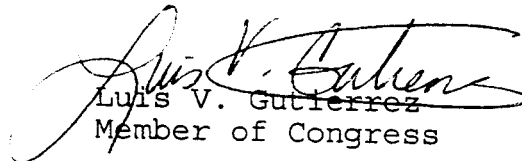
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June 25, 2004

Ms. Maria Ruiz
8 E. Monterrey
Schaumburg, IL 60193-4731

Dear Ms. Ruiz:

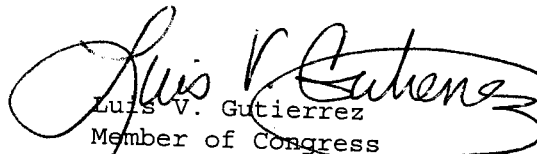
I am pleased to inform you that I have received a response regarding your naturalization petition from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS).

As you will note from the enclosed response, the CIS has informed me that you have been scheduled for your fingerprint appointment at the CIS Application Support Center during Saturday, July 10, 2004.

Please be aware that the approximate processing time for fingerprint clearance is 120 days. Once your prints are cleared, the processing of your application will continue, and you will be notified of the status of your naturalization petition. If you do not receive notification from the CIS within five months, please contact me.

I am very pleased that I was able to assist you in this important matter. As always, please feel free to call on me whenever you believe I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,


Luis V. Gutierrez
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CHI 70/48.2-C

June 22, 2004

The Honorable Luis V. Gutierrez
United States Representative
3455 W. North Avenue
Chicago, IL 60647

Attention: Rosa Roman

Re: A071 848 036 - Ruiz, Maria

Dear Congressman Gutierrez,

Records indicate that the applicant's last set of fingerprints has expired. As a result, the applicant has been scheduled for fingerprinting at the CIS Application Support Center (ASC) located in Norridge, Illinois on Saturday, July 10, 2004. A fingerprint appointment notice will be mailed to the applicant. Once her prints clear, the Service can take further action on her N-400 case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Comfort".

Michael M. Comfort
District Director

MMC:drw

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Thank you for contacting USCIS Customer Service

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March 9, 2005

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Mr. Michael Comfort
District Director
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
10 West Jackson Boulevard
Suite 600
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Mr. Comfort:

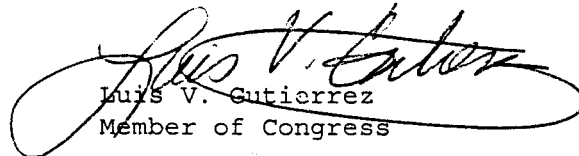
I am contacting you again on behalf of Ms. Maria Ruiz, A# 071-848-036.

Enclosed for your review is a copy of your last response dated June 22, 2004 and as of yet she has not received her scheduled for her naturalization ceremony.

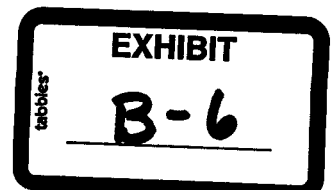
As a great deal of time has elapsed without my having received a response, I would be grateful if you would please forward the requested information to my office without further delay.

I again thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,


Luis V. Gutierrez
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JUDGE NORGLE

MAGISTRATE JUDGE MASON



MAY 30 2008

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S.
Citizenship and Immigration Service
Chicago District Office

STATUS INQUIRY FORM

DATE: May 30, 2007

CORRESPONDENCE DETAILS

On Behalf of (Applicant):

A Number: A071 848 036

Name: RUIZ, MARIA LILIA
Last First Middle

Mailing Address: 8 EAST MONTEREYCity: SCHAUMBURG State: IL Zip Code: 60193Daytime Phone Number: 630/205-2524Country of Birth: COLOMBIA Date of Birth: 10/08/1931

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☐ Check box if author is same as applicant
(DO NOT complete the following if box is checked)

Type of inquiry:
☐ Applicant ☒ Attorney ☐ CBO

Name: CORCORAN, THERESA C.

Last First Middle
Firm/Organization: Kempster, Keller & Lenz-Calvo, Ltd.

Mailing Address: 332 S. Michigan Ave.Suite # or Apt. #: 1428City: Chicago State: IL Zip Code: 60604Phone No.: 312-341-9730CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION☐ Check if telephonic inquiry

Class: GENERAL Request Type (check all that apply): ☐ Address
Change ☐ General ☐ Received Documents

Type of Application (check one): ☐ Adjustment of Status ☒ **Citizenship**

FORM FILED (check boxes below that apply):

DATE APPLICATION FILED: **07/30/1999**

☐ 1-130 ☐ 1-485 ☐ 1-75 1 ☐ 1-765 ☐ 1-824
☐ N-336 ☒ **N-400** ☐ N-565 ☐ N-600 ☐ N-643 Other: _____

REQUEST RESCHEDULE FOR (check one): ☐ Fingerprinting ☒ Interview ☐ Oath

Additional Comments: WE KINDLY REQUEST FOR A FAVORABLE ADJUDICATION OF OUR CLIENT'S NATURALIZATION APPLICATION, OR AT THE VERY LEAST, AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO HER LONG-PENDING CASE. SHE HAS BEEN FINGERPRINTED 3 TIMES AND INTERVIEWED 2 TIMES. OUR CLIENT AND CONGRESSMAN GUTIERREZ' OFFICE HAS FILED NUMEROUS INQUIRIES IN THE PAST. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER. THANK YOU.

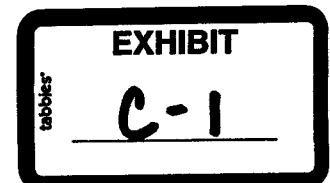
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*** CBOs MUST INCLUDE A PRIVACY RELEASE SIGNATURE FROM THE APPLICANT:

Signature: Our G-28 is attached. _____

Date: MAY 30, 2007

** MAIL INQUIRIES TO: USCIS, CUSTOMER SERVICE, P.O. BOX 3616, CHICAGO, IL 60690



U.S. Department of Justice
Immigration and Naturalization Service

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Appearances - An appearance shall be filed on this form by the attorney or representative appearing in each case. Thereafter, substitution may be permitted upon the written withdrawal of the attorney or representative of record or upon notification of the new attorney or representative. When an appearance is made by a person acting in a representative capacity, his personal appearance or signature shall constitute a representation that under the provisions of this chapter he is authorized and qualified to represent. Further proof of authority to act in a representative capacity may be required. **Availability of Records** - During the time a case is pending, and except as otherwise provided in 8 CFR 103.2(b), a party to a proceeding or his attorney or representative shall be permitted to examine the record of proceeding in a Service office. He may, in conformity with 8 CFR 103.10, obtain copies of Service records or information therefrom and copies of documents or transcripts of evidence furnished by him. Upon request, he/she may, in addition, be loaned a copy of the testimony and exhibits contained in the record of proceeding upon giving his/her receipt for such copies and pledging that it will be surrendered upon final disposition of the case or upon demand. If extra copies of exhibits do not exist, they shall not be furnished free on loan; however, they shall be made available for copying or purchase of copies as provided in 8 CFR 103.10.

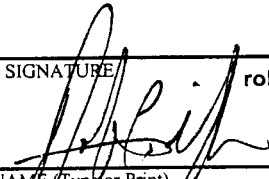
In re: **RUIZ, MARIA LILIA** Date: **05/08/2007**
File No. **A071 848 036**

I hereby enter my appearance as attorney for (or representative of), and at the request of the following named person(s):

Name: MARIA LILIA RUIZ	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficiary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant <input type="checkbox"/>
Address: (Apt. No.) (Number & Street) 8 EAST MONTEREY	(City) SCHAUMBURG,	(State) (Zip Code) IL 60193
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- ☐ 4. Others (Explain Fully.)


SIGNATURE  NAME (Type or Print) Robert C. Milla, Esq.	robertm@klc-ltd.com	COMPLETE ADDRESS Kempster, Keller & Lenz-Calvo, LTD. 332 S. Michigan Ave, Suite 1428 Chicago, IL 60604
TELEPHONE NUMBER (312) 341-9730	FAX (312) 341-0399	

PURSUANT TO THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974, I HEREBY CONSENT TO THE DISCLOSURE TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED ATTORNEY OR REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY RECORD PERTAINING TO ME WHICH APPEARS IN ANY IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE SYSTEM OF RECORDS:

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(Name of Attorney or Representative)

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Name of Person Consenting MARIA LILIA RUIZ	Signature of Person Consenting 	Date
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S.
Citizenship and Immigration Service
Chicago District Office

STATUS INQUIRY FORM

2ND REQUEST

DATE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2007

CORRESPONDENCE DETAILS

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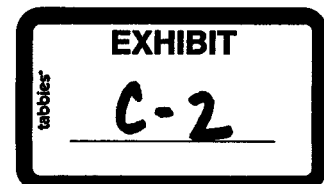
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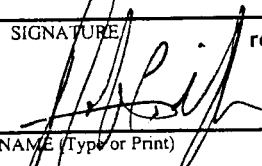
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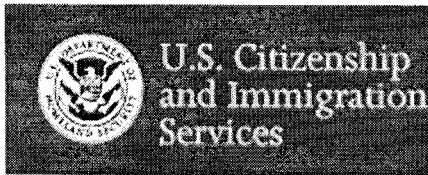
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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Chicago IL Processing Dates Posted February 15, 2008

The processing times shown below are a tool for our customers to gauge our current processing times. When applications and petitions are completed within our target timeframes, that goal will be shown in the data display.

The processing times shown below are for applications that have just been completed. If you have just filed your application, these timeframes may not reflect how long your application will take to be completed. We encourage you to check this page periodically before inquiring about your case. The processing times are updated monthly.

USCIS has received a significant increase in the number of applications filed. In July and August, nearly 2.5 million applications and petitions of all types were received. This compares to 1.2 million applications and petitions received in the same time period last year. This fiscal year, we received 1.4 million applications for naturalization; nearly double the volume we received the year before. The agency is working to improve processes and focus increased resources, including hiring approximately 1,500 new employees, to address this workload.

As a result, average processing times for certain application types may be longer. In particular, naturalization applications filed after June 1, 2007 may take approximately 14-16 months to process.

We offer a variety of services after you file. For example, for most kinds of cases you can [check the status of your case online](#).

For more information about when and how to contact us, whether your case is outside our processing time or if there are other issues, please see our customer guide –

[Case Services - How do I... know what kind of services are available to me after I file my application or petition?](#)

District Office Processing Dates for **Chicago IL** Posted February 15, 2008

Form	Form Name	Processing Timeframe:
I-131	Application for Travel Documents	November 17, 2007
I-485	Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status	August 19, 2007
I-600	Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative	August 26, 2007
I-600A	Application for Advance Processing of Orphan Petition	August 26, 2007
I-765	Application for Employment Authorization	November 30, 2007
N-400	Application for Naturalization	July 20, 2007
N-600	Application for Certification of Citizenship	September 20, 2007

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